



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED SOUTH REGION SPAN K-8 #1 SCHOOL SITE WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA

COMMUNITY MEETING: May 15, 2008, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wilmington Senior Center, Multipurpose Room
1371 N. Eubank Ave., Wilmington, CA

Public Comment Period: May 2, 2008 to June 2, 2008

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed South Region Span K-8 #1 School site. This workplan addresses the removal of approximately 104 cubic yards (156 tons) of soil and off-site disposal from the site in about ten trucks. The proposed school is 6.75 acres in size and is bounded by East M Street to the north, North Broad Avenue to the east, East L Street to the south, and North Avalon Boulevard to the west in Wilmington. During the site investigations, arsenic, organochlorine pesticides (OCP), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), and lead were detected in soil in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Therefore, DTSC recommended LAUSD to remove the contaminated soils and transport them to permitted off-site disposal facilities. In addition, the DTSC requested that a Supplemental Site Investigation (SSI) be conducted under the oversight of the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) to assess the integrity of seven on-Site abandoned oil wells.

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE study states that the proposed cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the short duration, the relatively small amount of contaminated soil to be removed, and the controlled way in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during a thirty (30) day public comment period that starts on May 2, 2008, and ends on June 2, 2008.

A community meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Senior Center multipurpose room, 1371 N. Eubank Avenue, Wilmington. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Aslam Shareef, Project Manager, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **June 2, 2008**.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Wilmington Branch Library, 1300 N. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington 90744; Banning High School, 1527 Lakme Ave., Wilmington, 90744; Fries Avenue Elementary School, 1301 North Fries Ave., Wilmington, 90744 and at www.laschools.org. Also, the Administrative Record pertaining to this project is available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for appointment. For more information about the DTSC, please visit our website at www.envirostor.dtsc.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal, please contact Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 717-6566 or toll free at (866) 551-2917, press option 3, then 1, or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov; or Aslam Shareef, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5308 or email: ashareef@dtsc.ca.gov. Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. For information on DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Juan Osornio al (714) 484-5498